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As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Buffer Overflow Protection and Prevention**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to in this oath or declaration.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification and that it discloses the best mode of practicing the invention.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor(s) certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor(s) certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: **None**

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I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with **Customer Number 22897** as my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. I hereby also appoint the following attorney(s) as my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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